

Virginia Air Board
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Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board,

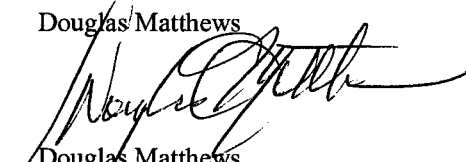
It is time for the Air Board and the City Council to realize that this community and those surrounding it throughout the Eastern Seaboard depend on the Mirant Power plant to supply for our needs. I would love it if this plant could be somewhere else, but it is here and we have to face the fact that the federal government will not allow this plant to be shut down no matter how much taxpayer money we spend fighting it. It is encouraging to learn that Mirant is proposing dramatic improvements which will exceed the current environmental standards and increase the air quality surrounding the plant.

I do not live close to the plant but do realize that emissions from the stacks can spread quite a distance from the area.. I am only 54 years old, but have had to retire from truck driving due to health concerns and some days can be a real struggle for me. The improvements that Mirant is proposing will provide a great health benefit to all of us living in the vicinity of the plant. Not only that, but Mirant will fund the entire project and nothing will be taken from my pocket to receive this benefit.

All facets of our economy and personal lives depend on the availability of power. Our needs are constantly increasing and further attempts to shut down a power source such as Mirant will be futile and a complete waste of money. I have lived here for over 32 years and am amazed at the growth that has taken place here. Despite the traffic, I still love being in this area but do not look forward to the days of brown outs, which industry experts are predicting for us unless we can come up with more power sources. Please stop opposing plant improvements and support Mirant's continued existence and power generation in our community.

Thank you for your service,

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